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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Stuhr has a visitor today, Jared Matzke, the grandson of Senator Matzke, and Jared is from Seward. And with him today is his father, Dr. Jay Matzke who is also of Seward and he is our Doctor of the Day. Would you all wave at us so we can recognize you. Thank you. Thank you for being here. Senator Withem, on the Bromm amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Very briefly, other people have made the remarks. I just again wanted to use my historical perspective on this. When we originally passed LB 1059, the different data sources that we used and the different years of information made it necessary to certify that number way into the fall of the year, not into the fall, but into the late summer. And if we heard one serious objection from the school districts, it was you've got to give us that number earlier. We cannot get a state aid number midway through our budget planning process. And it seems like each year we've been able to move that further and further and further to the beginning of the budget planning process and that, if a school district is going to gain state aid they know how that's going to affect their budgeting process. If they're going to lose state aid, they know what that's going to do to their process and can begin planning for it. This year we move that date back into December which, as Senator Bohlke said, seemed to have unanimous consent of the Legislature at that time. It was a good thing to do. We ought not to be backing away from it. I would urge you not to support the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to support the Bromm amendment at this time. I'm not so sure that all of the chaos and confusion that is represented by not changing the certification date is, in fact, there. Remember that that is the current date and I do understand the schools' concern with the rif date being the 15th day of April. But we're in unusual circumstances. We may or we may not know with exact certainty at the end of this session what the increase that is going to be put into the state aid